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### JESSE JACKSON, JR., HEADS USD LAW SCHOOL'S KING BIRTHDAY WEEK

Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., will be the keynote speaker at the USD School of Law's special week-long observance of the birthday of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sponsored by USD's Black American Law Students Association, the King Birthday observance will include such distinguished jurists as Gordon A. Martin, Justice of the Massachusetts Trial Court; prominent civil rights attorney Lloyd Tooks; Wes Pratt, recipient of the Law School's 1989 Distinguished Alumni Award; Regina Petty, partner, Gray, Cary, Ames & Frye; and civil rights consultant Thomas Gayton.

The observance will kick off with a reception in the Law School's Student Lounge on Wednesday, Jan. 15. The formal program begins Monday, Jan. 20, with a 12 noon presentation by Lloyd Tooks on "The Three Stages of the Civil Rights Movement." At 3:30 p.m., Wes Pratt will emcee the official opening ceremony.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, a panel discussion on "Jewish-Black Relations and Their Effect Upon You" will take place at 12 noon. At 6:30 p.m., Jackson will address "Campus Racism and Civil Rights" in Shiley Theatre inside Camino Hall.

Jackson, President of the "Keep Hope Alive" Political Action Committee, currently attends the University of Illinois School of

Law. He also is Vice-President At-Large of Operation PUSH and is the youngest appointed member of the Democratic National Committee. He was the featured speaker at the 1988 Democratic National Convention where he stirred the country with his eloquent introduction of his father, the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Jackson has accompanied his father on policymaking trips to the Middle East, Central America and South Africa. In 1987, Ebony magazine named him one of its "Outstanding Young Men of America," and in 1989, Ebony included him in its list of "30 Leaders of the Future."

The King observance resumes on Wednesday, Jan. 22, when Regina Petty discusses "Minorities and Women in the Law" at 12 noon. At 4:30 p.m., Judge Martin, who is a Visiting Professor of Law at USD this spring, lectures in the Law School's Grace Courtroom on "The Legacy of the Civil Rights Act: Racial Separation vs. Racial Integration."

The King Birthday observance concludes on Thursday, Jan. 23, with a 12 noon address by Thomas Gayton on "Civil Rights: Where Do We Go From Here?"

Throughout the weeklong observance, the film "Eyes On The Prize" will be screened in the Student Lounge.

All events are open to the public and are free of charge. For further information, please contact Angela Moore at 294-6624 or Kate Callen at 260-4682.



## Jesse L. Jackson Jr.



Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. is President of the "Keep Hope Alive" Political Action Committee, Vice President At-Large of Operation PUSH, and the youngest appointed member of the Democratic National Committee. He was the featured speaker at the 1988 Democratic convention where he stirred the country with his eloquent introduction of his father, the Reverend Jesse Jackson.

Among his other political activities, Jesse Jackson, Jr. served as surrogate speaker in the 1984 Jesse Jackson for President campaign and was an active student leader at North Carolina A & T University organizing protest marches. He was voted one of the "Outstanding Young Men in America" for 1987 and one of the "30 Leaders of the Future" in *Ebony* magazine, November, 1989.

In 1983, Mr. Jackson's status as a world traveler began to take shape as he served as statistician for the Operation PUSH Southern Crusade Voter Registration Drive. His work in this capacity involved extensive work across the south in Texas, Louisiana, Virginia, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina and West Virginia.

In 1984, he accompanied his father, the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. to Syria and the Middle East to secure the release of Lt. Robert Goodman, who had been gunned down and was being held hostage. In that same year, he also accompanied his father when he visited El Salvador, Nicaragua, Cuba, and Panama to forge a new Central American policy.

Jesse Jackson, Jr. was at his father's side when Reverend Jackson and a delegation from the United States sought to chart a course for the end of apartheid in South Africa and to establish diplomatic relations with Angola. This venture took them to the countries of Tanzania, Zambia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Soweto, Botswana, Namibia, Angola and Nigeria. He has also accompanied his father to Europe, which included a trip to Rome, Italy and a meeting with Pope John Paul II, at the Vatican. In 1990, Mr. Jackson took part in the delegation to South Africa, for the historical, revolutionary release of Nelson Mandela.

Mr. Jackson has made numerous television appearances, on such programs as the CBS Morning News, "Good Morning America," "Nightwatch," "60 Minutes," as well as a guest spot on the nationally syndicated "Oprah Winfrey Show."

Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. was born March 11, 1965 in Greenville, South Carolina. He is the eldest son of the Reverend and Mrs. Jesse L. Jackson. From 1980 to 1984 he attended and later graduated from St. Albans Episcopal High School in Washington, D.C. In 1987, he graduated magna cum laude from North Carolina A & T State University at Greensboro, North Carolina, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management. In June, 1990, he graduated from the Chicago Theological Seminary earning a Masters of Arts Degree in Theology. He currently attends law school at the University of Illinois.